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A Place to Return to
UM,
SORRY ABOUT BEFORE.
I JUST THOUGHT I COULD DO SOMETHING TO HELP...
SINCE MY DAD'S A WRITER, WE'VE GOT LOTS OF BOOKS.
A WRITER?
HEY, WAIT.
WELL, I'LL BE ON MY WAY...

KOIZUMI-SAN, YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT OUR CIRCUMSTANCES, RIGHT?
EH? IS THAT OK?
THEN, LET'S MEET ON SUNDAY.
AND SO WE AGREED TO MEET UP.
I THOUGHT IT'D BE BETTER THAT WAY.
SO YUUTA DOESN'T STRESS HIMSELF OUT.
HOWEVER, MOM COLLAPSED AND THAT WAS THE END OF THAT.
...SO THAT'S HOW IT WAS.
BUT YOU SURE SEEM TO KNOW A LOT, EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T MENTION ANYTHING TO YOU.
ABOUT MY PLANS WITH KOIZUMI-SAN
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BY SHEER CHANCE I HAPPENED TO BE NEARBY AT THE TIME...
AND KINDA ACCIDENTALLY OVERHEARD YOUR CONVERSATION.
IT REALLY WAS A COINCIDENCE...
...IF IT'S NOT AT SCHOOL, CAN I ASK ABOUT YOUR SITUATION?
WELL, IF IT'S SOMETHING I'M ABLE TO ANSWER...
BESIDES, I ALSO HAVE QUESTIONS TO ASK, REGARDING THAT BOOK YOU HAD...
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HM?
WHO COULD IT BE AT THIS HOUR ...?

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KAZUMA! I SAW YOUR MES-SAGE!
IS YOUR MOM AL-RIGHT!?
YUI.
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT TOOK YOU THIS LONG RESPOND ABOUT SOMETHING SO SERI-OUS.
YOU REALLY GAVE ME A SHOCK!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR FOOD AND STUFF?
HERE, TAKE THIS!
HUH?
DID YOU COME HERE IMMEDI ATELY AFTER READ-ING THE MES SAGE?
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UH... YEAH.
SORRY FOR NOT TELLING YOU.
...YOU'RE HERE TOO?
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SHEESH, EVEN THOUGH
I DIDN'T WANNA WORRY YOU GUYS...
カサ..
THANKS FOR COMING.

KAZUMA'S FAMILY SURE HAS IT ROUGH AT THE MOMENT
IT WAS AWFUL OF US NOT TO REALIZE UNTIL TODAY
YEAH, HE'S BEEN ACTING PRETTY WEIRD AS WELL
BUT THAT GUY WON'T TELL US ANYTHING, SO IT ENDS UP LIKE THIS
WE ALSO GOT HIM INVOLVED WITH KOIZUMI-SAN
YEAH...
BY THE WAY,
EH?
WHY WERE YOU AT HIS HOUSE?
THIS LATE AT NIGHT

UM, AT FIRST IT WAS JUST TO DELIVER PRINTOUTS FROM CLASS, YOU KNOW?
BUT THEN SUMIRE-CHAN WAS THERE ALL BY HERSELF,
AND THEN KAZUMA CAME BACK RIGHT AWAY AND HE WAS SO EXHAUSTED,
SO I MADE SOME CURRY AND WE ATE TOGETHER...
WHAT? I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE SPUTTERING ABOUT.
CURRY?
LIKE I SAID!
...IT'S JUST,

...SOME STUFF HAP-PENED
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FUAH!
W-WHAT!?
...FOR AWHILE NOW
YOU'VE HAD

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木村
カチャ
IT'S BEEN SUCH A LONG DAY.
TODAY, I REAL-IZED ONCE AGAIN
THAT I LIKE KAZUMA,
BUT
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...I'M HOME.
FOR ME,
IS THERE ANY FUTURE THAT LIES AHEAD?

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